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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of non-US documents (if any) listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to issue a patent in the instant application.

For documents written in a language other than English, English language abstracts and/or explanations are annexed thereto explaining relevancy in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 (a)(3).

Attached is a Decision of Rejection dated September 19, 2008, with translation, from corresponding Chinese Application Number 200580004986.9. JP references 2002-287950 and 3-214220, cited in this document were submitted with an IDS filed on July 26, 2006. US Publication 2003/0147630A1 cited in this document should read as US2003/0147030 and was cited in an IDS filed on April 25, 2008.

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the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the

Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine

the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR §§1.104 (a) and 1.106 (b), and in the course of such search

will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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